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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Wilf Koenders

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING SHEET METAL**

Drawings: 3 Sheets

Papers Enclosed: Specification, 19 Claims and Abstract (Total of 19 Pages); Drawings - 3 Sheets; Cover Sheet; Declaration and Power of Attorney; Certificate of Express Mail; return postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

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